



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 363

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AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 In each municipality or voting district, the polling place or places
4 for [primaries] a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive,
5 as amended by this act, shall be [the same as those used for the election
6 to be held] designated by the registrars of voters of such municipality
7 or voting district, at least ninety days prior to the primary. At least
8 thirty days prior to a primary, the registrars of voters shall send
9 notification of the polling place for the primary, by mail, to each elector
10 whose polling place for the primary will be different than the elector's
11 polling place for the election. If a municipality's registrars of voters
12 cannot agree upon a polling place or places for a primary, the polling
13 place or places shall be the same as those used for the election to be
14 held. When unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to
15 vote in the primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold
16 their primaries in the same room of each such polling place. On the
17 day of the primary, the polls shall remain open for voting from six
18 o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 9-436 of the general statutes is

20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
21 *passage*):

22 (d) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party
23 members in the municipality or political subdivision holding the
24 primary, as the case may be, to serve in each polling place, the primary
25 polling place officials, who shall consist of one moderator, two
26 checkers, not more than two challengers if he deems it necessary, and
27 at least one and not more than two voting machine tenders for each
28 machine in use at such primary and, in towns with two or more voting
29 districts at least one and not more than two assistant registrars,
30 provided (1) in the case of a political subdivision holding a primary, if
31 no enrolled party member who resides in the political subdivision and
32 who is a certified moderator consents to serve as a moderator, the
33 registrar may appoint any enrolled party member who resides in the
34 municipality and is a certified moderator to be moderator, (2) in the
35 case of either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a
36 primary, if no enrolled party member can be found or no such person
37 consents to serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector
38 who resides in the municipality and is a certified moderator to be
39 moderator, (3) in the case of a political subdivision holding a primary,
40 if an insufficient number of enrolled party members who reside in the
41 political subdivision consent to serve as checkers, challengers, voting
42 machine tenders or assistant registrars, the registrar may appoint any
43 enrolled party member who resides in the municipality to be a checker,
44 challenger, voting machine tender or assistant registrar, [and] (4) in the
45 case of either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a
46 primary, if a sufficient number of enrolled party members cannot be
47 found or do not consent to serve in a position described in subdivision
48 (3) of this subsection, the registrar may appoint any elector who
49 resides in the municipality to any such position, and (5) in the case of
50 either a municipality or a political subdivision holding more than one
51 primary on the same day for different political parties, one certified
52 moderator may serve as moderator for both primaries, if the registrars
53 of voters so agree. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under section

54 9-431 to vote for some but not all of the offices to be contested at the
55 primary, the registrar shall appoint two additional checkers to check
56 the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote on the
57 separate machines. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under section
58 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties in the same polling
59 place, whether for some or for all offices to be contested at the primary,
60 each such registrar shall appoint two additional checkers to check the
61 list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote in either such
62 primary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-438
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-436(d)

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*